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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 32ND UNGA: CORE GROUP

REF: (A) STATE 088523; (B) SEOUL 3446

1. SUMMARY: ROK MINISTER AHN, ACCOMPANIED BY COUNSELOR S.Y. LEE, CALLED AT HIS REQUEST AT USUN APRIL 28 TO DISCUSS WITH POLCOUNS AND MISOFFS RECONVENING OF KOREA CORE GROUP. AHN WILL PROPOSE TO OTHER CORE GROUP MEMBERS THAT INITIAL 1977 MEETING BE HELD MAY 4, 5, OR 6 AT WORKING-LEVEL. HE WILL INVITE BELGIANS TO HOST MEETING. BEFORE APPROACHING OTHER MISSIONS TO SET PRECISE DATE, HOWEVER, AHN, ACCOMPANIED BY US REPRESENTATIVES, WILL TAKE UP SUBJECT WITH JAPANESE, (REFS (A) AND (B)), ON APRIL 29. FOUR AGENDA ITEMS (REFS (A) AND (B)) WOULD BE PROPOSED TO GROUP: (A) EXCHANGE OF ASSESSMENTS INCLUDING DISCUSSION OF DEVELOPMENTS IN UN REGARDING KOREAN SITUATION SINCE LAST UNGA; (B) EVALUATION OF OUTCOME OF NEW DELHI MINISTERIAL-LEVEL MEETING OF NONALIGNED COORDINATING COMMITTEE (NACCFM); (C) REVIEW OF CURRENT STATUS OF NORTH KOREAN INTENTIONS; AND (D) DISCUSSION OF FUTURE STRATEGY. IN LATTER CONNECTION, CONFIDENTIAL

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AHN REEMPHASIZED SEOUL'S GOAL AGAIN TO AVOID UNGA CONFRONTATION AND DEBATE ON KOREA AS IN 1976. POLCOUNS UNDERLINED DESIRABILITY OF CLOSE SECURITY ON CORE GROUP WORK SO AS TO AVOID PUBLICITY WHICH COULD HEAT UP ISSUE. (END SUMMARY).

2. AHN AGREED TO PROPOSE TO OTHER CORE GROUP MEMBERS BELGIUM, CANADA, COSTA RICA, FRG, JAPAN, NETHERLANDS, NEW

ZEALAND AND UK THAT INITIAL 1977 CORE GROUP MEETING BE HELD AT WORKING-LEVEL ON MAY 4, 5, OR 6. WITH VIEW TO LIMITING LIKELIHOOD OF PRESS LEAKS IF INITIAL MEETING WERE HELD IN ROK MISSION WHERE REPORTERS ARE OFTEN PRESENT, AHN WILL INVITE BELGIANS TO HOST MEETING. HOWEVER, BEFORE APPROACHING BELGIANS OR ANY OTHERS, AHN WILL ARRANGE MEETING AT WHICH HE AND US REPRESENTATIVES WILL DISCUSS WITH JAPANESE PROPOSAL TO INITIATE CORE GROUP WORK. MEETING WITH JAPANESE WILL BE ON APRIL 29.

3. AHN WILL SUBMIT AGENDA SET FORTH IN SUMMARY PARA ABOVE TO OTHER MEMBERS FOR CONSIDERATION BEFORE INITIAL MEETING OF CORE GROUP, INVITING THEM TO COMMENT ON IT. IN CONNECTION WITH DISCUSSION OF FUTURE STRATEGY, AHN MADE IT VERY CLEAR AGAIN THAT SEOUL'S GOAL IS TO AVOID CONFRONTATION AND DEBATE ON KOREA AT FORTHCOMING UNGA. POLCOUNS FOR HIS PART STRESSED NEED TO MAINTAIN CLOSE SECURITY ON OWRK OF CORE GROUP IF CALM ATMOSPHERE IS TO BE ENCOURAGED.

4. POLCOUNS ALSO EMPHASIZED VIEW THAT DURING EARLY PHASES OF CORE GROUP WORK SPECIAL NEED IS TO DEVELOP ASSESSMENT OF INTENTIONS OF NORTH KOREA AND ITS SUPPORTERS. HOWEVER, AT SAME TIME, WE WOULD NATURALLY WANT TO KEEP THINKING ABOUT VARIOUS STRATEGIES AND TACTICS AT FRIENDLY COUNTRIES' DISPOSAL.  
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